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Sound Board

North School students were recently visited by Mike Alberici, who spent the week as an Artist in Residence with his "Sound in Focus" program. Pictured, students see how sound vibrations create shapes. See more photos page 12.

Photo by Chris Paul

Parents to Keep Some Children from State Testing

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

For a variety of philosophical reasons, parents in Londonderry are choosing to opt out of the Smarter Balanced practice test the School District will administer this month. But a state education official said some of the privacy rea-

sons parents cite do not apply to the test.

As of Tuesday, March 31, parents of 38 students from 28 families have refused to let them take the test, according to the Superintendent's office. However, more parents are still considering opting out.

The Smarter Balanced

practice test and the training test provide students with an early look at sets of assessment questions aligned to the Common Core in English and Math for grades three through eight, and high school students in their junior year.

Laura El-Azem of Sum-

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Conservation Commissioner Seeks More I-93 Mitigation for Town

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In a public hearing of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) held at Town Hall last week, members of the Londonderry Conservation Commission argued that a greater portion of mitigation for Interstate 93 improvements should be directed to Londonderry.

It's anticipated the project will incur a total 85.33 acres of impacts to wetlands. The Department of Transportation (DOT) is in the process of securing a new permit for 24.3 acres of impact related to the remaining construction contracts for

the I-93 expansion project - the improvement of 13 miles of I-93 from just north of Exit 3 to the I-93/Route-293 split.

The project will result in impacts to Windham, Derry, Manchester and Londonderry, with Londonderry to absorb the majority, 30 acres of impact, where previously there were to be 27 acres of impact.

To mitigate the 27 acres of impact, the State purchased 253 acres of land to be protected from development, including a significant amount of land on both sides of South Road, as well as land at Scobie Pond and around the Musquash Conserva-

tion Area.

Proposed mitigation for the additional impacts is a payment of \$1.8 million, with half the allocation to be awarded the DES Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) fund and half to be used to initiate a Stream Passage Improvement Program between the DOT and DES and impacted communities.

"The devil is in the details," said Conservation Commissioner Mike Speltz, who went on to explain the way the mitigation program is structured, "there's no guarantee a single penny will come to Londonderry."

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Musquash Target Shooting Views: From Ban to Gunshots as 'Sound of Freedom'

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Concerned neighbors and recreation enthusiasts called for an outright ban on target shooting in the Musquash and other town-owned conservation areas in a public hearing of the Musquash Task Force.

Abutters to the Musquash said at the March 25 public hearing that target shooting has only become an issue in the last three years.

Donna Traynham of 11 Faucher Road said she and her three children enjoyed recreating in the Musquash when they moved into their home and don't have a problem with hunters.

But in the last three years, target shooting has become a safety issue and she won't even let her children play near the entrances to the Musquash.

"We have created areas in our yard where they can play and get out of the house to move around. But on New Year's, they were playing outside and came racing in, terrified because people were shooting Tannerite (exploding targets) right behind our home," she said. "This has become not only a problem of neighbors not being able to enjoy the Musquash, residents aren't even able to enjoy their yard and streets."

"The noise goes on from early in the morning to late at night," said Pam O'Brien of 70A Alexander Road, who has been living in her home her entire life. "It's constant shooting that makes you fearful in your own home. I have a 5-year-old grandchild, and when we're playing in the backyard, I have no idea where the bullets are coming from."

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Conservation Recommends Conditional Use for Mammoth Road Self-Storage

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The Conservation Commission voted 5-0 to recommend a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a self-storage facility on Mammoth Road.

The 484 Mammoth Road parcel is located just south of the triangle at Rockingham Road and Smith Lane, near Cohas Landing.

Design and construction materials will be chosen to minimize impact on the wetlands and will include restoration of the

site consistent with the permitted use, said Steven Keach of Keach-Nordstrom Associates, Inc., a civil engineering firm in Bedford.

According to the application for the CUP, there is no feasible alternative route on property owner Gordon Welch's land that does not cross the Conservation Overlay District (COD), or that has less detrimental impact on the wetlands.

Keach told the Commission that proposed construction on the prop-

erty includes the removal of a home and parking area, which will result in a 2,000-square-foot net reduction of buffer impact. The proposed plan results in a 4,120-square-foot impact to the overlay district.

Additionally, the site has been graded to allow all storm water to flow away from the adjacent wetlands, ensuring storm water runoff associated with the proposed commercial use won't impact the adjacent wetland, according to Keach.

All on-site storm water will enter a drainage system where it will be treated and detained before it is released into a closed drainage system on Mammoth Road.

According to the application, the plans also include temporary erosion control measures that will be used during construction to ensure the proper restoration of the site.

Welch told the Commission the pavement to be removed from the site would be replaced with

landscaped grass.

But Commissioner Eugene Harrington expressed concern with the proposal, saying the Commission would prefer to see a naturally vegetated buffer.

"Native plants would be far more appropriate than just grass. We don't allow turf in the buffer. No fertilizers or chemicals," he said.

Welch said his only concern with letting the area grow with natural vegetation is that it would create a weak spot in security, obscuring his

fence.

Keach said they can use a "conservation mix" they often employ near storm water drainage areas that would satisfy the Commission's wishes and ensure the fence isn't overgrown by vegetation - a mix of everything but woody, stem vegetation.

The Commission agreed to support the plan with the condition natural vegetation will grow in the buffers detailed on the site plan.

Injury Suit Filed by Customer of Londonderry Market Basket

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A Derry woman is suing Market Basket for expenses related to injuries she claims resulted from being struck by several bottles of clam juice that fell off a shelf and struck her while she was shop-

ping at the Londonderry store.

Ida Clement, who was 74 when the incident occurred, is seeking unspecified damages related to the incident, which occurred Aug. 8, 2012.

The lawsuit was filed in Rockingham County Superior Court on March

23.

While shopping for tuna fish and perusing the available products, she said several heavy clam juice bottles fell without provocation or warning from the shelf above, striking Clement's hand and foot, according to court documents.

The lawsuit alleges Demoulas Supermarket Inc. is liable for negligence by failing to maintain the store in a reasonable and safe condition;

specifically, it failed to maintain the product upon its shelves in such a manner as not to present an unreasonable hazard to the plaintiff, thereby subjecting her to the dangers of an unprovoked barrage of bottles falling on her.

The suit further claims Market Basket employees "should have known that stocking bottles in the manner in which they were stocked would cause them to fall."

According to court documents, Clement suffered serious and permanent bodily injury and damages, including a fracture, contusion and further permanent injury to her left middle finger; and a fracture, contusion and further permanent injury to her right middle toe.

To correct the broken bones and injuries, Clement had to endure many painful and costly surgeries, two on her finger and one on her toe, the lawsuit states. The suit claims she has endured severe restrictions and limitations to her daily life as a result of

the injuries and subsequent surgeries, and that she will suffer those limitations for the rest of her life.

Additionally, the suit claims Clement has incurred substantial medical expenses for medical care and will continue to incur additional medical expenses, therapeutic care and other losses into the foreseeable future.

The lawsuit requests the Court enter judgment against Demoulas Supermarkets, Inc. in an amount to be determined and in the maximum amount applicable.



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Testing

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mer Drive stood outside the polls on Election Day distributing fliers about Smarter Balanced, and the issue has generated much conversation on the Londonderry Moms Facebook page.

It seems like every day more and more parents are making this choice, according to Terri Byerly of King Charles Drive.

"This test is different, and that is something that parents should inform themselves about," she said.

Byerly said after researching the test herself, she has concerns.

"A few weeks ago I had started to hear some rumblings about a new standardized test that was being administered in public schools in the state of New Hampshire. However, it wasn't until I read one of Laura El-Azem's letters in the Londonderry Times that I started to look into it," she said in an email. "What I have learned so far is deeply concerning. Some of the information I have come across indicates that many of the questions will be above grade level and up to 70 percent of students are expected to fail. Other than stressing our kids out, I'm not sure what it is that will supposedly be achieved by testing students' knowledge of concepts and information they have not yet learned or perhaps are not developmentally capable of learning at their age."

But perhaps the biggest point of contention expressed by parents opposed to the Common Core-aligned assessment is that it collects a large

amount of data about students that has the potential to be misused.

"According to the U.S. DOE, the Common Core State Standards Initiative (CCSSI) authorizes the use of testing instruments to gather hundreds of nationally-standardized data points and measure the 'attributes, dispositions, social skills, attitudes and intra personal resources' of public school students," the flier El-Azem distributed at the polls warns. "A February 2013 report published by the Office of Educational Technology and the U.S. DOE says, 'There is a growing movement to explore the potential of the 'non cognitive' factors – attributes, dispositions, social skills, attitudes, and interpersonal resources, independent of intellectual ability.'"

The flier additionally warns parents the data is less secure and more widely shared than ever before.

Byerly said while it concerns her that many of the questions on the test will be above grade level, that wasn't what made her want to refuse the test for her children.

"What really got my attention was when I learned that, based on a child's answers to academic questions, information about his or her psychology (behaviors, attitudes, etc.) would also be gleaned. This information, along with the academic assessments, is then entered into a database. This database, it is my understanding, will contain a child's personally identifiable information and can then be shared with any entity, including private corporations that can show a legitimate

educational interest," she said. "For me, that is much too broad a definition of an entity that could have access to this sensitive information about my child, and that could have unknown, long-term consequences for my child."

But Heather Gage, Division of Educational Improvement director for the New Hampshire Department of Education (DOE), said that's not the case.

New Hampshire's state law is one of the most well respected child protection laws in the country, according to Gage.

"Somehow there's misinformation about us asking questions regarding social issues, such as gun control and sexual orientation. There's nothing in the assessment like that," she said.

Additionally, Gage confirmed the DOE is under strict law regarding what information can and cannot be collected on statewide assessments, noting a student privacy bill recently passed prohibits the DOE from providing individualized student information to outside parties.

"We report only aggregate information, except to the schools. We can't send information on an individual student - that's private," she said.

The information collected about students, other than their answers to curriculum-related questions, will be their name and student identification number, which is assigned for the test to ensure students with the same name aren't confused.

Gage said the assessment itself is an "adaptive assessment," meaning if a student is performing at a

level higher than the standards at their grade level, the questions will advance to evaluate students on standards above their grade level; and if a student is struggling to meet grade-level standards, the questions will decrease in difficulty and evaluate students on standards below their grade level.

"The adaptive test allows parents and teachers to really have an understanding of what their students can do. If you're taking any assessment in the real world, people want to know how far you can go," Gage said. "This is a positive move forward in statewide assessments."

Additionally, Gage explained that when the DOE hears content on assessments for students in the lower grades is too difficult, it's often the standards the parents are concerned with, rather than the assessment itself.

Gage said she likes to see that parents are asking questions and ensuring their children are receiving what they need to be successful.

"The fact we have so many parents showing engagement in their children's education is great, it's what we want to see," she said.

In a letter she shared with other moms in Londonderry to serve as a template for refusing the Smarter Balanced practice test, Corey Waters of Londonderry wrote that while New Hampshire law requires all public school students in designated grades to participate in the assessment, unless exempted, she understands from communication with DOE that there are no federal or state laws or DOE policies that would penalize students for non-participation.

"With that in mind, we refuse to allow our children to participate in SBAC (Smarter Balanced)

testing. Our expectation, since they must legally be in school those days in order to avoid truancy, is that they be excused from the testing room and permitted to read, do their schoolwork, or engage in other quiet activity," Waters wrote in a letter she shared with other parents on the Londonderry Moms Facebook page.

"As parents, our job is to always act in the best interests of our children, and we do not believe (Smarter Balanced) testing is in their best interest," she continued.

Byerly said using the right language when opting out is important - parents should be sure to say they are choosing to "refuse" the test for their children in their letter to the District, as Waters did in the letter she shared.

Waters letter goes on to conclude, "We want to continue to encourage our teachers and reassure them that our refusal to

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– PROVIDER ON CALL – WHAT IS SLEEP APNEA?

Sleep apnea is a common disorder in which you have one or more pauses in breathing or shallow breaths while you sleep. Breathing pauses can last from a few seconds to minutes. They often occur 5 to 30 times or more an hour. Typically, normal breathing then starts again, sometimes with a loud snort or choking sound. Sleep apnea usually is a chronic (ongoing) condition that disrupts your sleep 3 or more nights each week. You often move out of deep sleep and into light sleep when your breathing pauses or becomes shallow. This results in poor sleep quality that makes you tired during the day. Sleep apnea is one of the leading causes of excessive daytime sleepiness.

Sleep apnea often goes undiagnosed. Doctors usually can't detect the condition during routine office visits. Also, there are no blood tests for the condition. Most people who have sleep apnea don't know they have it because it only occurs during sleep. A family member and/or bed partner may first notice the signs of sleep apnea. The most common type of sleep apnea is obstructive sleep apnea. This most often means that the airway has collapsed or is blocked during sleep. The blockage may cause shallow breathing or breathing pauses. When you try to breathe, any air that squeezes past the blockage can cause loud snoring. Obstructive sleep apnea happens more often in people who are overweight but it can affect anyone.

Central sleep apnea is a less common type of sleep apnea. It happens when the area of your brain that controls your breathing doesn't send the correct signals to your breathing muscles. You make no effort to breathe for brief periods. Central sleep apnea often occurs with obstructive sleep apnea, but it can occur alone. Snoring doesn't typically happen with central sleep apnea. Untreated sleep apnea can increase the

risk for high blood pressure, heart attack, stroke, obesity and diabetes. It can also increase the risk for or worsen heart failure, make irregular heartbeats more likely, or increase the chance of having work-related or driving accidents. Lifestyle changes, mouthpieces, surgery, and/or breathing devices can successfully treat sleep apnea in many people.

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Editorial

Listen to the People

It's out of the ordinary when a Town Council meeting is standing-room-only and then some, with a second room opened to house the overflow.

And it's downright extraordinary when that crowd has come out on a wintry night to protest budget cuts.

Yes, to protest budget cuts.

But that's what happened in Derry last week – a showing of heartfelt opposition to drastic proposed cuts in police, fire, public works and other services, including the potential closing – yet again – of the Taylor Library and funding cuts for social service agencies serving Derry residents.

Everyone wants lower property taxes, and those taxes don't get much higher than the ones Derry homeowners face. But there's also the matter of quality of life, and having police and fire at the ready is something many Derry residents headed to the Municipal Center to say they want to maintain.

This year the Town Council told new administrator Galen Stearns to cut the tax rate by \$2 per thousand. His proposal was presented last week. In past years, department heads visited the Council to explain their needs and justify their expenses. That didn't happen this year. Stearns had his new finance director, Susan Hickey, talk with the department heads. He took what she told

him and went from there.

And now? A citizen's petition with 731 signatures asks the Council to bring in the department heads for the public to hear at a Council meeting. To explain, for example, what the proposed closing of a fire station and cutting of firefighters would mean to response time. What fewer police would mean to the crime rate.

They offered suggestions as well, as some letters to the editor we have printed recently made clear. Those included cutting higher salaries and reducing the number of administrators but keeping line staff.

And in Stearns' proposal, one of the best suggestions was to phase in tax cuts over a four-year period, rather than trying to hack it out in one year and damn the impact of the tax cap for years to come.

Think about what a major cut like that would do to your income and what you'd have to do without.

Are Derry residents just eager to pay more taxes? Hardly. But they want services vital to their well-being included in the budget, and that information – and the repercussions from proposed cuts – have not been made clear.

They deserve those facts. While the Town Council is to be commended for trying a new way to develop a budget, cutting services without facts or transparency is no way to go.

Letters

Smarter Balanced

To the editor:

To anyone that would rather not have their child participate in the Smarter Balanced Assessment testing that is starting in April, simply contact Superintendent Nate Greenberg via email and let him know you do not want your child to participate and they will be excluded.

If you are unfamiliar with Smarter Balanced assessment testing, please educate yourself ASAP.

Nick Amerena
Londonderry

Thanks to the Pauls

To the editor:

I am writing this article as a way to thank the Pauls and how they run this paper, the Londonderry Times.

I am somewhat a newbie to this town, being here going on 11 years. In this time, I have come to know some very great people, and also the history of what Londonderry is.

I have lived in other towns that had local papers that did not contain what I see weekly from the Times. From their writings, I was inspired to learn more about the history, and am fortunate enough to get involved by serving on the Heritage Committee for the past 5 years. This is where I got to meet Deb, and other wonderful people who serve on this and other committees.

From some meetings of the town I cannot attend, I learn more via the local telecasts, and the paper. I know I have mentioned the history twice already of this town, but I need to stress how impressive it is, with the historic buildings, apple orchards, and the town's past.

And just as impressive is how so many people are

working to preserve all of it.

As I am retired, I have gone back to doing art. I was not sure about wanting to try and sell it, but working with Deb, she helped me and I advertised through the paper, with great results.

Speaking for myself, there are times when there is maybe less appreciation for an item that is free, as this paper is. I know how hard the Pauls work and are involved in so many issues of the town. I just wanted to get a chance to say thank you, and great work.

Tom Bianchi
Londonderry

Suppressing Americanism

To the editor:

According to WHDH, a Lexington High School, Lexington, Mass., school administrator buckled to objections by some students on the theme of a dance event, and in essence, suppressed Americanism.

It was originally scheduled to be an "American Pride" themed dance, with students wearing red, white and blue clothing. Evidently, some students thought promoting American patriotism was not politically correct due to the diversity of the student population.

The school administrator suggested changing the theme to a "National Pride" dance, wherein students would wear clothes depicting their "individual nationalities."

After a huge public outcry the Lexington Superintendent of Schools went before the Lexington School Committee and said the "American Pride" theme of the dance will remain.

What is going on in Lexington, Mass., a cradle of

American liberty? Since when do we elevate ancestral nationality above our own American nationality? Aren't we all Americans first and foremost? Isn't that our nationality?

If these immature students care more about their ancestral heritage than their U.S. citizenship, maybe they should move to their countries of ancestral origin.

Donald A. Moskowitz
Londonderry

Musquash Target Shooting

To the editor:

I am writing with regard to target shooting and the March 25 open forum meeting about the subject.

When you look up conservation land you get the following definition: "The protection, preservation, management, or restoration of wildlife and of natural resources such as forests, soil, and water."

I ask members of the Council: Why have we as a town deemed areas as conservation land? I know there are many answers but at the top of the list must be so that the taxpayers of this town can enjoy the beauty of the landscape without threat of harm.

As a matter of pure numbers, approximately 5 percent of the population enjoys hunting as a recreational sport. For 2015, deer hunting season runs from Nov. 1 to Dec. 7, if you include muzzle loader. This is approximately 10 percent of the year and local hunters should be able to use the land as well.

I would ask that the other 90 percent of the year be reserved for the taxpayers who do not hunt but want to walk, run, snow mobile, and bike

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Londonderry Times Wins Bid to Keep Legal Notices

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The winning bid to publish the Town of Londonderry's legal notices was submitted by the Londonderry Times.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said the Town has published legal notices

with the Londonderry Times in the past, but put the notices out to bid after the Derry News announced it is now a free paper that will be circulated to all local residents.

"Per our purchasing and competitive bid policy, when two vendors are doing virtually the same

thing we have to bid that service out," Smith said. "The Londonderry Times came back with the lower bid and provided a higher circulation number."

The Derry News also submitted a bid.

A total of 9,703 copies of the Londonderry Times are printed each week,

with 9,044 papers mailed to Londonderry homes and 511 papers dropped in other locations, according to the Times' bid.

"We reach every household in Londonderry - single-family homes, apartments, duplexes and commercial properties," the bid states. "We're a

local business that's been providing the Town with legal notices for over 10 years. Due to this, we feel that removing the notices from the Londonderry Times, the local community newspaper, would only create confusion."

The Town has asked its attorney to look into the legal requirements for posting notices.

Given the fact that the requirement that notices be posted in a newspaper came before the advent of

the internet, Smith said he thinks it prudent to investigate what the legal requirements are, noting it may be less expensive to post the notices online. He said that would make it easier to schedule meetings that must be noticed a certain length of time in advance.

The Town has been and continues to "err on the side of caution" by printing all legal notices in the local newspaper, Smith said.

Letters

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I have abutted the Musquash for 14 years and I have not stepped foot inside the area for the past 8 years because of the danger posed by the ubiquitous target shooters and occasional explosives "expert." If you listened to State Rep. Baldasaro at the meeting on Wednesday, March 25, he would say that "I must be a new resident as no one who has lived here for years would ever think that target shooting was an issue." What exactly is he talking about?

Does he think that ordinances enacted in 1965 when we had 2,500 residents are valid in 2015 when we now have 1,000 percent growth to almost 25,000 residents?

If we had two police officers in 1965, does that mean we only need two in 2015? Growth over time requires change for the safety and protection of the people.

I am a concerned citizen who is sick of political indecision caused by the fringes of both parties. We (the middle 65-70 percent) must take a stand and let common sense rule the day. Let the 15 percent or so on each fringe keep

talking past each other while nothing gets done.

In closing, my question to the Town Council is this: What are we doing? Decision making is a combination of pragmatism and decisiveness. Without question, you have been pragmatic. Now, will you be decisive and take a stand for common sense? Thank you.

Tony Ramy
Londonderry

Liked Article on Father Bob

To the editor:

I have to say your paper gives me a lot of

information on the weekly happenings of our town, and I appreciate your efforts.

The most recent article was that of Father Bob. He touched so many lives in this community and helped myself and my family during the passing of my dad. My mother became a member of the Saint Jude Parish even though she lived down the Cape. She would drive up two to three times a month to attend Mass with Father Bob.

He helped me in so many ways and would always take time whenever asked. He was a great orator, mentor and most of all, my friend. I think of him every day when I pass by the church and smile.

I thought Kaitlyn G. Woods' article about him was very moving and did him justice to what a great man he was. Thank you for putting it in your paper.

Pamela J. McFarland
Londonderry

responded to reports of a car that drove off the road.

McQuarrie was charged with two counts of possession of controlled narcotic drugs, and two counts of possession of drugs in a motor vehicle.

She was released on \$10,000 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to face her charges in Derry District Court on May 19.



Jacqueline McQuarrie

On June 15, 2013, Londonderry Police and Fire

Woman Arrested for 2013 Drug Charges

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A Londonderry woman was arrested for drug charges related to a car crash that occurred two years ago.

When Jacqueline McQuarrie, 48, appeared in court for unrelated charges, she was taken into custody for the warrant dating back to 2013, according to Det. Chris Olson.

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Candice Clark and Andrew Marlowe



Michael and Patty Clark of Londonderry announce the engagement of their daughter, Candice, to Andrew Marlowe, son of Maria Marlowe of Nashua and Peter Marlowe of Tyngsborough, Mass., and York, Maine.

The bride-to-be graduated from Londonderry High School in 2008 and from Bay State College in 2012, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree.

The groom-to-be is a 2008 graduate of Nashoba Valley Technical High School and is a United States Marine Corps veteran.

The couple celebrated their recent engagement over the past Thanksgiving holiday in California, where they both reside.

A Fall 2016 wedding is planned.

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LMS Destination Imagination Team Earns Trip to Globals

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Middle School's Destination Imagination (D.I.) team earned top honors at the New Hampshire State Tournament last weekend, and will advance to the Global Finals for the fourth time.

The team, which has been competing together since fourth grade, finished in first place for their solution to this year's technical challenge, "Creature Feature."

The technical challenge looks for technical design and innovation and requires the team to create a creature that has three "creature features," and to exhibit those features. The team could define the type of feature they wanted to

display technically, according to Bill Melanson, who has been serving as a D.I. coach for about 17 years.

Melanson said he enjoyed coaching his children's D.I. teams so much that he went back to volunteer as a coach at Matthew Thornton Elementary School after his own children graduated from high school.

According to the seasoned coach, his team's experience working together and mix of strengths are what have made them so successful.

Team member Sierra Sessa agreed, saying she considers her teammates to be her closest friends; and that after working together for a few years, they "understand each other, and

understand their strengths and weaknesses."

Other team members are Neil Baran, Jillian Fitzgibbons, Jimmy Fitzgibbons, Ian Godspeed, Patrick Hagearty, and Lauren Mullen. All members of the team are in eighth grade.

"They have great teamwork," Melanson said. "We have kids who like to do the technical parts, and there are very artistic parts as well. Some of the kids really like the artistic part, while some kids like to write the script. We have a good balance of skills that work together very well."

Sessa said her team has chosen the technical challenge almost every year they have competed, and that the group particularly enjoyed this year's challenge because it was more technical than in previous

years.

For the Creature Feature challenge, the team built a rat that operates like a hovercraft. The group had to make the rat an integral character in a prepared skit, which they accomplished by making the rat talk.

The team's skit, set in mythological times, tells a story about the goddess Demeter putting a famine on a community because she wasn't being adequately worshipped. The rat saves the day.

To make the rat move across the stage, the team used a pump from a blow-up air mattress as part of the lifting system, and integrated propeller and model airplane elements found at craft stores for propulsion to move the rat across the floor.

"We all had our fingers crossed when they turned the rat on to move across the stage," said Melanson, who will meet with the students weekly leading up to the Global Finals, held April 20-23 in Knoxville, Tenn., to give them a chance to work out any issues with their hovercraft and make their presentation more robust.

Melanson said the students will improve upon their artistic elements, such as a papier-mâché head for Demeter's character, which features yarn for the hair and various organic elements to decorate the face; as well as the jokes and puns in their skit, polishing it up for competition.

But Global Finals isn't about winning, it's about the team feeling as if they have done their best and feeling good about their

solution to the challenge, according to Melanson.

"It's my favorite week of the year. I get to be in this room with 8,000 of the most creative kids from around the world," he said. "Just to have made it to Globals, they have already won."

"You literally feel like you're on top of the world. Here you are at the biggest competition and you're talking to people from completely different parts of the world," said Sessa, who made friends with a girl from China at the Global competition, communicating through her translator. "The coolest part is being able to experience this D.I. competition on a whole new level with people you'd never get a chance to speak with unless you made it to this competition."



Londonderry Middle School's Destination Imagination team, from left, Jimmy Fitzgibbons, Neil Baran, Lauren Mullen, coach Bill O'Conner, Sierra Sessa, Jillian Fitzgibbons, Patrick Hagearty and Ian Godspeed will head to Tennessee this month to compete in the team's fourth Global Finals.



White Castle Fun

Dominic, David, Erica and Aaron Landry on Larson Farm Road decided to make use of the snow in their backyard before it melted away with the warming trend last week. They were making use of the techniques recently taught to them by Ryan Chasse of Element Adventures, with whom they were learning outdoor survival techniques.

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South Third Grader Raises \$1,450 for Heart Disease Research

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A South Elementary School third grader raised \$1,450 for the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser.

Heart fundraiser.

Bianca Fonseca's contribution accounted for over 10 percent of the \$14,000 the entire school raised.

As a member of the

Hip Hoppin' Hawks jump rope team at her school, Bianca said family and friends sponsored her efforts jump roping for an hour with donations to fund research for ad-

vancements in the treatment and prevention of heart disease in children and adults.

"I want to help the people who have heart disease get better. My mom's a scientist and she's working on a medicine for heart disease," said Bianca, who asked her uncles, aunts, grandmother, friends and neighbors to donate to the cause.

When asked how she felt when she learned she was her school's top fundraiser, Bianca said, "It made me feel really happy I got a chance to raise the most money to help."

"She actually exceeded her personal goal of \$500," said her mother, Sonya, whose employer, Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research, matched her daughter's donations.

Although she earned the top prize for her fundraising success, which Bianca said hasn't been revealed yet, she said she doesn't care about the prizes.

"I am very proud," Sonya Fonseca said of her daughter's efforts. "She



Bianca Fonseca, a 3rd grader at South School, raised over \$1,400 for the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser.

Courtesy photo

really doesn't care about the prize, she wants to fund the research for children and adults who have heart disease. For her, it's the research for children that's most important for her."

And as a researcher for a pharmaceutical company that works with academic labs, Fonseca knows firsthand the

importance of fundraisers like the one in which her daughter participated.

"It's nice to see people raising money for the research," she said. "I know a lot of academic labs that do rely on this type of funding, and without the funds it's really hard to do the research and make progress."

After School Fitness and Fun



South School fifth grade teacher Jodi Daron organized a Fitness Fun program for two Fridays after school. Last Friday, students, teachers, and staff participated. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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Fish and Game, Conservation Work on Habitat Management for Rare Species

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

New Hampshire Fish and Game representatives presented further details about a project to complete habitat management in Lon-

donderry for the enhancement of rare or endangered species

Londonderry will receive \$30,000 in funding for the projects from Partners for New Hampshire's Fish and Wildlife, a part-

nership between the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and Northern Pass' parent company, Eversource, the energy company announced at Town Hall on March 26.

Projects are being selected based on their ability to achieve long-term, measurable outcomes that meet the program's goals, which include strengthening the health of the forest system; sustaining working forests; improving the quality of streams; and enhancing the biodiversity of New Hampshire's fish and wildlife population.

Most of the grant will be used for machinery to clear vegetation under the power lines to stimulate young tree growth and shrubs for New England Cottontail, according to John Kanter, nongame and endangered wildlife program coordinator for Fish and Game.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said the timing of the project couldn't be better, as cottontail rabbits have been located in areas where Pettengill Road development is ongoing.

"It shows the federal government we're being proactive in our approach to preserve habitat while development is going on," he said.

Animals to be monitored in Londonderry include cottontail rabbits, the Eastern hognose snake, and Blanding's turtle, among others, the representatives told the Conservation Commission at their March 24 meeting.

Fish and Game wildlife biologist Michael Marchand is also asking for the public's help in identifying rare and endangered animals, particularly the Eastern hognose snake.

Unfortunately, when people do come in contact with the rare, harmless snakes, they are often frightened and don't take appropriate steps to allow conservation officers to locate the endangered reptiles.

Key features of an Eastern hognose snake include its upturned nose and reaction to a frightening encounter: hognose snakes may hiss and spread their necks, which causes them to be mistaken for cobras.

Marchand said the

Eastern hognose, whose coloration can vary widely, rarely bite; but, if frightened, the snake may strike its head toward the ground.

Eastern hognose will also roll over and play dead.

"They're the kittens of the snake world," said Kanter.

Anyone who observes a hognose snake or any other rare or endangered animal is asked to contact Fish and Game by calling 271-2461 or by email at RAARP@wildlife.nh.gov. Residents are also encouraged to take photos of rare and endangered animals they encounter.

In addition to monitoring the rare and endangered species in Londonderry, funding will be used to create replacement habitats for cottontails.

At the Commission's Feb. 25 meeting, Fish and Game wildlife biologist Heidi Holman described projects that could be completed in various conservation areas of town, and the Commission asked Holman to bring back a cost analysis for each of the projects proposed, which she reported last week is still in the process

of being completed.

Holman said ideally, they would like to see the project in Londonderry on-the-ground in the next year, with funding anticipated annually in the next few years.

The Commission considered a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Fish and Game Department and the Town "concerning habitat management of town-owned parcels for enhancement of rare and endangered species including, but not limited to New England cottontail, Northern black racer, Eastern hognose snake, Blanding's turtle and spotted turtle.

Based on the agreement, the Town would allow Fish and Game unrestricted access to town-owned parcels to monitor endangered wildlife and provide support for the project.

Commissioner Mike Speltz asked that language be added to the memorandum stating the Commission will work with Fish and Game to secure funding for the projects and implement a plan, but the Town will not be responsible for funding any projects with town resources.

Once the Commission and Fish and Game work out the memorandum, they will schedule a meeting with the Town Council.

ENGAGEMENT Announcement

Azaria DeFreitas and Blaine Dorman



Joseph and Catherine DeFreitas announce the engagement of their middle daughter, Azaria Janelle DeFreitas, to Blaine Thomas Dorman, son of Winston and Sherry Dorman.

The bride-to-be graduated Londonderry High School in 2008. She earned a degree

in dental hygiene from New Hampshire Technical Institute in 2012.

The groom-to-be graduated from Londonderry High School in 2006. He received his degree at Lakes Region Community College in 2008 and is the owner of Dorman Logging of Londonderry.

The couple are life-long residents of Londonderry and work in town.

A Labor Day 2015 wedding is planned in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

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Shooting

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But several other residents said a ban would restrict the rights of residents who enjoy shooting in the Musquash, noting the practice has been allowed in the conservation area for many years.

Conservation Commissioner Deb Lievens noted shooting was included as a use in the original documents drafted when the Town purchased some of the properties that comprise the Musquash Conservation Area.

"People moved into the area knowing hunting goes on there. The Musquash has been used for hundreds of years for

shooting," State Rep. Al Baldasaro, R-Londonderry said. "This is 'feel good' regulation. This is a 'nose in the tent' to stop any type of shooting in town."

Some residents described the gunshots as "the sound of freedom," with an Anthony Drive neighbor saying he moved to Londonderry so that he could enjoy target shooting in the Musquash near his home.

"This isn't freedom. Gunshots are not freedom," Tony Ramy of 15 Faucher Road said, noting the Musquash is an area that should be available for the entire community to use.

"This is not about tak-

ing away a freedom, it's about restoring the freedom of people who want to enjoy the area, but can't because of the safety issue," David Ellis of 1 Wilshire Drive said.

Mike Considine, a member of the Task Force and the Conservation Commission, said he has witnessed a great deal of evidence in the Musquash to suggest bullets are flying down and across trails, as well as out of the Musquash into residential areas.

Pollyann Winslow said target shooting in the Musquash could potentially create an economic issue.

"Anyone looking to put their home on the

market is going to lose value if we have an accident," she said. "People come here for quality of life and the schools. As long as we are able to keep the people safe, people will buy our homes. If we end up with an accident, we're going to be forced to see the value of our homes decrease."

Task Force members Dan Watson, Lt. Gordon Joudrey and Dana Coons, who are opposed to an outright ban on target shooting, said there are alternatives that could effectively address reckless shooting in the Musquash.

Coons thinks enforcement of laws related to the reckless use of a firearm could be an effective tool to address concerns, asking why the Town has to wait until someone gets shot when negligent discharge of a firearm is a felony.

"They're going to lose their firearms and concealed carry license. They'll have to hire a lawyer and go to court, which will cost a lot of money," he said. "Even if the Town loses, it will send the message. It won't be long before the message is out the Town won't put up with irresponsible and negligent

shooters."

But Police Chief Bill Hart, chairman of the Task Force, said it's his and Town Prosecutor Kevin Coyle's opinion that without an ordinance to enforce, it will be difficult for law enforcement to effectively address negligent shooting in the Musquash.

"When we believe we can prosecute to a conviction, then we've gone forward," he said. "The law is dangerous when used to send any message other than a conviction."

But Hart agreed that Coons, Joudrey and Watson are correct that there may be other options besides an outright ban that the Task Force could recommend to the Council.

Watson said he would like to discuss a free permit for target shooting, which would be obtained at the Police Department, as a possible method of managing activity in the Musquash.

Ann Chiampa of 28 Wedgewood Drive suggested an education component for students at the high school, as many of the target shooters in the Musquash have been described as young, some high school age.

Hart said educational

outreach about target shooting could be achieved through the School Resource Officer.

Conservation Commissioner Mike Speltz suggested interested residents could form a group to study and locate a safe location that could be designated for target shooting in the Musquash, as the Dog Park Study Committee is working to establish a dog park in town.

"The biggest problem is there are a lot of ideas that weren't discussed," Joudrey said.

The Task Force voted unanimously to ask the Town Council for an extension for its report to June 1.

"I don't think we're far away from being ready to prepare our reports, but I do think we need to have more discussion," Hart said. "We need to fully flesh out all ideas, and I know there are some ideas we want to bring forward to vote up or down."

Hart suggested selecting "captains" for the majority and minority reports to present to the Council.

"I think how this is presented will be critical on both sides," he said.

Londonderry Woman Arrested in Manchester 'Hot Spot' Patrol

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Manchester Police arrested a Londonderry woman last week for drug possession during one of the Department's "hot spot" patrols.

Amber Carlow, 23, was arrested in the early morning in a hot spot patrol near Beech and Spruce Streets after police observed her making suspicious movements.

Carlow was one of about five arrests resulting from "hot spot" patrols conducted on March 25, according to

Sgt. Brian O'Keefe.

"When we do crime mapping, we're looking at clusters of crimes in the city. Part-one crimes - robberies, thefts, arson, burglaries - show like a red spot on the map," he said. "We ask officers to park a cruiser in the 'hot spot' area for 10 to 15 minutes at a time. The idea is to reduce crime in those areas. We started the initiative last year in April, and we did have a reduction in part-one crimes."

Officer Eric Joyal was parked near Beech and Spruce Streets around

2:40 a.m. when he observed Carlow making repeated attempts to reach into her pockets.

When Joyal spoke with Carlow about her behavior, she allegedly told the officer she was in possession of a needle, and a subsequent search resulted in the seizure of .77 grams of heroin, a syringe and two burnt spoons.

Carlow was charged with possession of a controlled drug and transported to Manchester Police Headquarters pending a court appearance on March 26.



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The money to be paid to the ARM fund could be used for improvements in any of the 26 communities in the Merrimack River Watershed.

Speltz noted several parcels in Londonderry were identified and vetted when mitigation for the project was first proposed in the 2004 permit application.

"Among those are four properties in Londonderry that were not conserved because you met the requirement with those you did conserve," he said. "There are four properties that have already passed preliminary muster. The DOT accepted them and the DES accepted them as part of the application. Why is it necessary to just write a check to the ARM fund instead of accepting those properties?"

Additionally, Speltz argued the ARM fund has traditionally been used to solve a legitimate problem - little piecemeal bits of mitigation for little projects brought forward.

"That's not the case here - I-93 is a really big project," he said. "About 35 percent of all wetland impacts resulting from the project are in Londonderry, but only 25 percent

of mitigation up to this point has come to the Town. I would ask you to consider directing mitigation funds to Londonderry. Why make us compete with 26 other communities when we're already behind and have beautiful mitigation sites in Londonderry?"

Speltz said he understands the DOT wants to be under contract for various projects by the fall and needs to get mitigation in place to do that, and said there are projects in Londonderry that the Commission could help the State put in place by the fall.

The DOT's permit for the project expires May 2, 2016.

"You don't need to take the administrative shortcut of writing a check and saying, 'we've done our job,' and worsen the gap between 25 percent of mitigation that came to Londonderry versus 35 percent of impacts," he said. "I feel very strongly about it."

Conservation Commissioner Eugene Harrington asked what percentage of culverts in Londonderry were found defective that could qualify for repairs through the Stream Passage Improvement Program, which Water Pollution Division Environmentalist Lori Sommer said is being established to ad-

dress deficient stream crossings that have been failing, especially in big storms.

"In 2016, we will have funds available for communities to apply for to address their worst case culverts that fail or overtop," said Sommer, noting they have asked communities to submit their five worst-case culverts for the Department to assess this summer.

Several DES interns have prioritized the crossings that have been submitted and the database includes between 800 and

1,000 crossings, but Sommer said she doesn't know how many of those from the 26 communities are in Londonderry.

"If Londonderry is suffering the majority of wetland impacts, I would like to see a portion of that money go towards culverts in Londonderry," Harrington said.

Resident Ann Chiampa, who received notification of the meeting as a member of the Planning Board, asked why the public wasn't notified of the public hearing.

Gino Infascelli, public

works subsection supervisor for the DES, said his office notified the Town, members of the Planning Board and other town board and committee members, as well as the Union Leader.

Chiampa asked why

the Londonderry Times was not notified, as the paper is distributed to all residents.

Infascelli said his office met its legal requirement to notify the Town, and attempted to reach

out to the local media.

OBITUARY

Harry "Al" Dadian



Harry Alexander "Al" Dadian, 70, of Londonderry died March 28, 2015 at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born in Lowell, Mass., on Sept. 20, 1944, a son of the late Harry and Mary (Attoian) Dadian.

He was raised and educated in Chelmsford, Mass., where he played varsity football and was a defensive tackle.

He was a graduate of Boston University with a degree in Political Science.

Prior to working as a real estate broker for Century 21, he owned a beverage distribution business and two real estate brokerage firms.

He loved the outdoors, photography, sports, politics and the novels of Patrick O'Brian. He especially enjoyed building wooden boats and sports cars, and spent more than 50 years on the ocean. He was very proud of his Armenian heritage and belonged to the Armenian Youth Federation.

He lived in Londonderry for the past 37 years.

He is survived by his wife, Susan (Gilman) Dadian of Londonderry; five sons, David Kilroy and his wife, Kathleen, of Londonderry, Clint Dadian and his wife, Kristin, of Evergreen, Colo., Christian Dadian and his wife, Ksenia, of Derry, Andrew Dadian, and Peter Dadian, both of Londonderry; one daughter, Sara Dadian and her husband, Rafael Perez, of Salem, NH; five grandchildren, Joseph Kilroy, Lukas Kilroy, Morgan Kilroy, Chloe Dadian and Eva Dadian; one brother, Abe Dadian, and his wife, Lynn, of Meredith; two sisters, Eva Donoian and her husband, Ara, of Bedford, Mass., and Margaret Donoian of Westborough, Mass.; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were Wednesday, April 1, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. A funeral service followed at 6 p.m. in the funeral home, with cremation to follow. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, Mass. 02284-4070. To send a condolence or for more information, visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Richard "Chester" Holleran

Richard T. "Chester" Holleran, 59, of Londonderry died March 31, 2015 at his residence, surrounded by his family.

He was born June 2, 1955, in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, a son of Thomas R. and Laura (Wood) Holleran.

He was raised and educated in Newington, Conn., and was a graduate of the University of Bridgeport.

He was a software engineer with Gerber Scientific Corporation for many years, prior to working for AGFA Corporation, where he retired as Vice President of Software Engineering.

He enjoyed model trains, ship cruising and wrote a book about his adventures in cruising called "What time is the Midnight Buffet?" He was also active with his wife in breeding and raising champion Chinook show dogs, one of which, "Birr," won "Best of Breed" at the 2014 Westminster Dog Show.

Survivors include his parents of Newington, Conn.; his wife of 37 years, Kristine (Welsh) Holleran of Londonderry; two sons, Ryan Holleran and his wife, Megan, of Chester, and Wells Holleran of Londonderry; two grandchildren, Aesa and Mac Holleran of Chester; a sister and her husband, Kerry and John Gleason of Warwick, N.Y., and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held by the family at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Londonderry are assisting the family. To send a condolence, or for more information, visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com To make a memorial donation in his honor, visit www.standuptocancer.org.

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Bay State Plein Air Artist Exhibits at Leach Library

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Plein Air watercolorist Ann Jones has installed several of her New England inspired paintings at the Leach Library for patrons to enjoy during the month of April.

Her painting "March Fall," which she painted on location along the Ipswich River, is particularly timely - a piece that shows melting snow beginning to fall away from an old farm.

Jones, who lives in Massachusetts, said Plein Air painting is about working with the elements and becoming a part of the environment she is painting.

"I have had paintings where if it really starts raining, the painting is a wash, literally," she said. "Then, of course, when I'm painting on the coast, the wind is blowing and sand and little gnats get mixed in. When I'm painting in the woods, I have come back to find pine needles in my palette."

While it's not for everyone, Jones said Plein Air painting offers her a unique opportunity to slow down and engage in painting her subject.

Her painting "Cripple Cove," which is part of her exhibit, features two boats she discovered at one of her favorite spots in Gloucester, Mass., on a foggy day.

"I often stop at my favorite places when I'm driving to see what's there," she said, explaining that Plein Air painting isn't like snapping a photo. "You have actually bonded with that whole scene. It becomes a part of you."

And when painting Plein Air, the scene is

always changing. The light constantly changes as the hours tick away, and Jones said at times wildlife will approach after she has become a part of her surroundings, standing so still and observing the environment.

While painting early in the morning on a farm in Nova Scotia, Jones said she suddenly had the sense she was being watched. When she looked up, she realized a group of sheep had gathered to observe her.

"I have had so many wonderful experiences with wildlife. I have had deer walk up to the other side of my easel because I was standing so still they didn't even notice me. One time, a Red Tailed Hawk landed on a post about 20 feet away from me. Every now and then, he would look over his shoulder at me while I was painting him. He didn't feel threatened," she said.

Having retired from a 30-year career teaching gifted and talented children, Jones said engaging in the world through Plein Air painting is what has become most important to

her.

"I feel really connected with the world when I'm painting. I feel like I'm part of it, the temperature, the breeze, everything," she said. "When I retired, I was delighted to find I had all this time to paint. That was a dream come true."

While she has painted in several countries, including Canada, England and Egypt, Jones said the extraordinary can be found in the seemingly ordinary.

"Painting makes me look at things I see every day and appreciate them in a new way," she said. "Even more than exotic subjects, I really enjoy painting things I've always seen."

For example, Jones painted a haystack in a marsh several times, the first time she had done multiple paintings of a single subject.

"It wasn't until then that I really appreciated Monet's 'Haystacks.' It was the first time I realized painting something more than once is enlightening," she said.

Jones' interest in art was piqued while studying at Lesley and the Art Insti-

tute of Boston; however, she's mostly self-taught through reading and experimentation.

"Even though I consider myself primarily a watercolorist, I do some print-making and mixed media. I always like to be pushing the envelope and learning new things," she said.

Jones enjoys participating in workshops and figure study groups, as well as attending demonstrations, and she's a member of the New England Watercolor Society, the Newburyport Art Association, the Greater Haverhill Arts Association, and New Hampshire Plein Air Artists.

Her paintings have been juried into regional shows and have received numerous awards, and many of her pieces are in private collections in the



The Leach Library's featured artist in April, watercolorist Ann Jones, is a Plein Air artist, enjoying painting in nature. Courtesy photo

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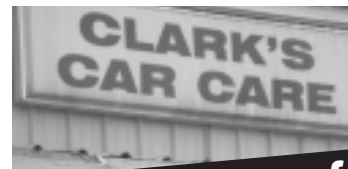
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PVC Pirates Gearing Up for New England Championship

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry PVC Pirates are gearing up to compete at the New England Championship next weekend, adjusting a portion of their robot and discussing ways to improve upon their performance in the District competition earlier this month.

The FIRST Robotics competition for 2015 kicked off on Jan. 3, when the challenge was revealed and the six-week clock to build a robot started counting down.

This year, students had to build a robot that can stack recycling bins and square bins.

"The first thing we do is read the manual for the challenge through and sleep on it. Then, we start prototyping ideas," team member Dan Pleva said.

One of the team's first ideas was to build a robot with two arms to grab onto the bins; but when that didn't work as they hoped, the team adjusted and came up with the idea of building a robot with a hook.

In groups, students used their individual

skills to complete the design work for their robot, to manufacture the parts working with raw pieces of aluminum, and to write the code for the robot.

Almost everyone participates in building the robot, mentor Mike Pettengill Jr. said.

"During build season we put in a lot of man hours," Pleva said.

"It's student-led as much as possible," mentor Mike Pettengill Sr. said. "We let the kids do as much as they can themselves."

And the robot is designed 100 percent by students on the team.

Other mentors include Pat Pettengill, Ted Monchamp, Bob Bisson, Chris Lamport, Joe Pleva and Anne-Marie Miller.

In competition, the robots race to complete the stacking challenge fastest, working in alliances with other robots.

Pleva said their robot performed well but, unfortunately, their alliances weren't as effective as they would have hoped.

Moving forward, the team hopes to compete with robots that better

complement their own robot's skill set in the New England Championship.

In a team meeting last week, students discussed improvements they hope to make to the portion of the robot they removed after the District competition, which is required to be under 30 pounds.

After they remove the parts they want to work on, the robot is sealed in a plastic bag and tied with a serial number, not to be removed until the New England Championship.

And while the team does hope to edge out the competition with their robot, their eyes are on a more prestigious prize - another Chairman's Award, the most prestigious FIRST award a team can earn, honoring the teams that best represents a model for other teams to emulate, and embody the purpose and goals of FIRST, which stands for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.

After earning the Chairman's Award at the District competition at the University of New Hampshire in March, Londonderry is tied for the most Chairman's Awards earned in New England.

The team is hoping to take the lead by winning another Chairman's Award at the New England Championship on April 8-11 at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass., which would additionally earn them an invitation to

compete at the World Championship in St. Louis, Mo., on April 22-25.

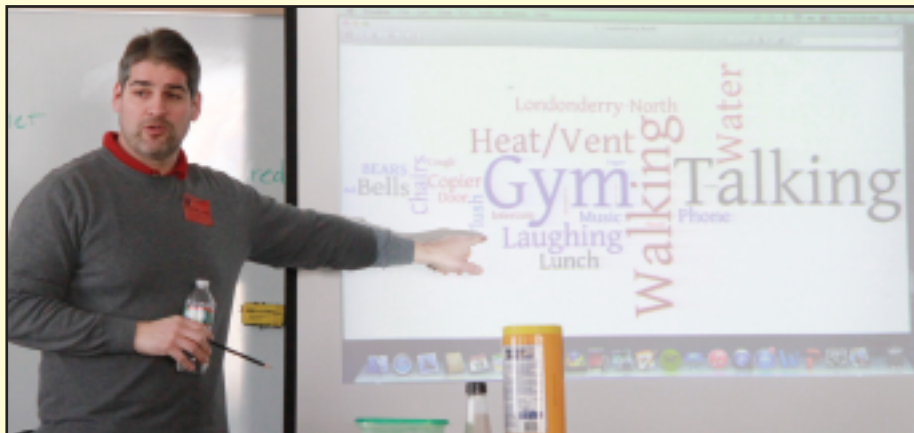
Leading a meeting last week, Jay O'Donnell told

teammates the New England Championship will be much more competitive.

"These are the best 60

teams in New England," Pleva said. "It's much more intense. It's going to be fun."

Students Learn to Focus on Sound



Artist in Residence Mike Alberici, a Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical Fellow, spent the week recently at North School demonstrating the wonders of sound. At top, he shows students a sound poster he created from the sounds around school; above left, students observe the speed of sound; and above right, the youngsters watch how "goo" responds to sound.

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Members of Title-Winning Lady Lancer Cagers Snag Honors

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It seemed that every time varsity coach Nick Theos' 2014-15 Londonderry High girls' basketball squad faced a challenge or a disappointment during its campaign, the group gathered as a unit, collected its composure, and vanquished the next challenge.

And in the wake of its recent D-I championship game victory over the upstart Winnacunnet High Lady Warriors from Hampton, Theos' 20-2 troop received more great news, as four of its players received all-state honors from their division's coaches.

Junior forward Ashley Berube was named a First Team All-Stater after advancing her game significantly for the Lady Lancers following the departures of 2013-14 stalwarts Aliza Simpson, who graduated, and Casey Evans, who transferred to a private school in Rhode Island.

After playing a superb regular season, Berube was lost to a serious knee injury in the first half of



Junior Ashley Berube



Junior Jackie Luckhardt



Sophomore Kelsey Coffey



Senior Brittany Roche

the second-seeded Lady Lancers' first-round tournament. But by that time the talented 11th grader had already earned her First Team All-State status.

"I'm very excited for her. The honor is well deserved. She came into her own this season," said Theos. "We spoke when Casey left, and she knew what would be expected of her, and she rose to the occasion. I think she was

right in the conversation with Taylor Choate of (Nashua) North for Miss New Hampshire Basketball."

Berube's untimely departure to the sidelines on crutches early in the tourney rivaled the LHS squad's challenge as it began its defense of its state championship without Simpson and Evans. But Londonderry pushed past both of those tests to remain at the top of the D-

I mountain.

Berube's fellow junior-court-general Jackie Luckhardt - also stepped up her game considerably this year and did superb work where distributing the ball was concerned, and defensively as well. She was named a Second Team All-Stater.

"She filled an even bigger role for us than Ashley," said Theos. "With Aliza gone, she was exceptional all season long. She was steady and she did whatever we needed."

The now two-time defending D-I champions also had steady and clutch senior forward Brittany Roche collect honorable mention recognition, and sophomore guard Kelsey Coffey gain that status as well.

Roche carved herself several places in LHS girls' hoop history during the 2013-14 title run by nailing clutch baskets in the semifinal win over Pinkerton and the championship game besting of Bedford. And she played

important roles on offense and defense in helping her squad repeat this winter, contributing leadership with her trademark ice water-in-the-veins personality.

After making significant contributions to last winter's title team as a freshman, Coffey continued to mature and was once again a force for her LHS crew as it remained the top team in its division for the second straight year. Two seasons, two titles for Coffey.

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LHS Varsity Teams Hit the Road to Prep for New Seasons

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With their home fields still covered with snow and hopes of having conditions be otherwise somewhat distant, Londonderry High School is having several of its spring varsity sports teams head south in search of conditions that will allow them to continue to prepare in earnest for their 2015 campaigns.

LHS girls' varsity lacrosse coach Bob Slater has returned to his post to solidify a Lady Lancers' team that went through

conflict and a disappointing campaign last spring. He brought his 2015 squad to Orlando, Fla., late last week to play a number of opponents from different parts of the country at Disney World, and their trip lasted through the first several days of this week.

Late this week veteran Londonderry High baseball coach Brent Demas is bringing his 2014 Division I championship hardball crew to Connecticut to do some vital preparations for the forthcoming season over several days.

The Lancers' varsity

boys' lax team also spent one day playing in Connecticut last weekend as it got itself prepared for the new season.

Slater has returned to the Lady Lancers' lax fold for the third time to right the program's ship after a 9-8 regular season during the 2014 campaign, which saw the Londonderry team have assistant coach Meredith Jackes finish up for departed head coach Mike Boyle through the final several matches. Those games included a first-round tournament loss to the tough Exeter High Lady Blue Hawks.

Slater led his Lady Lancer teams to four consecutive Division I title matches, with three consecutive championship victories from 2009-11.

The crew of players who made the recent trip to Florida included Sarah Bell, Dominique Breault, Jenna Conroy, June Cranmer, Jackie Curtin, Mariah Eacrett, Michelle Hennessey, Breda Holland, Sarah Jackes, Michaela Kewley, Noelle Lambert, Sami Lecaroz, Chelsea Lewis, Jill McIntire, Gabrielle Morris, Annika Skov, and Rachel Stevens.

Demas and his defend-

ing D-I baseball champs - minus those who graduated - were to leave Thursday, April 2, to play ball in Wallingford, Conn., through Saturday and then make the road trip home.

Zach Tavano (Roger Williams University), Brett Evangelista (U-Mass Amherst), Tommy Corey (Franklin Pierce University), and Rob Del Signore (Southern New Hampshire University) all graduated from the 2014 title team, but the returnees are still numerous and significant.

The team includes

Colby Joncas, Geoff Kayo, Mike Ryan, Fred MacKay-Wright, Matt Ross, Cam Fennell, Bailey Hamilton, Tim McEachern, Nick Musto, Noah Tavano, Jimmy Zimolka, Brody Dupuis, Xander LaPlante, Jonny Meskell, Nick Salcito, Jackson Leavitt, Dylan Walsh, Andrew Kilgus, and Brad Baldinelli.

The baseball squad is slated to start its 2015 regular season at home against Pinkerton on Monday, April 13, at 4 p.m. with the LHS lady laxers are scheduled to start up at Hollis-Brookline Friday, April 17, at 4 p.m..

Horseman's LHS Girl Cagers Had the Horses to Win and Learn Lots

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School junior varsity girls' basketball coach Ian Horseman's 2014-15 team succeeded in just about every category in which a sub-varsity squad can this winter, gaining experience, learning more about hoop skills, having fun, and winning games by the bucket-

full.

Horseman stepped in for veteran LHS junior varsity girls' coach Nick Theos - who moved up to the varsity in place of John Fagula and led the Lady Lancers to a second consecutive Division I title - and continued the sub-varsity development that may help the LHS lady cagers step into "dynasty" territory over

the next several years.

Horseman's young ladies won 16 of their 21 games and posted a 14-4 regular season record. And far beyond the numbers, Horseman's young ladies did him, themselves, and their program proud in many ways.

"They exceeded expectations," said the coach. "We had a mix of ages, skills, and experi-

ence, and I wasn't sure how that would work out on the court. But everything came together, and the team demonstrated that through the season. We had a couple of difficult games and a couple of losses we shouldn't have had, but overall a very positive and successful season."

The team included guards Anna Wilkinson (a

junior), Devyn Enwright, Kaylee Vaillancourt (both sophomores), Gianna Dudley, Katelyn Meuse, Michaela Downing, and Mikala Eacrett (all freshmen).

Sophomore Jillian Naar saw time at both guard and forward, sophomore Hannah Hagearty and freshman Ashley Andrews both played in forward spots, and Angela Peikert (a junior) and Mercedes Greeley (a freshman) both saw time at forward and center.

When looking back upon his squad's 16 wins and 21 games, Horseman didn't have trouble pointing to what he said was his squad's top overall

showing of the season.

"The best performance came when we beat Winnacunett in the quarterfinals of the JV tournament," said the coach. "Everything we had worked on during the season just seemed to click. It was a full team effort, with everyone contributing. I often preach that I don't want to coach 'robots' and that although we run plays and sets, I want the kids to learn how to play the game instinctively. In this game they showed this by doing things without my direction all of the time, especially offensively."

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Wildcat Gridder Collects Major New Hampshire Award

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Folks who know football will say that significant success in that intense and challenging game starts with the hard and often underappreciated work "down in the trenches" on the offensive and defensive lines.

And many people who have succeeded in life often insist that hard work in the classroom,

giving back to the community, and staying involved in causes in which you believe are all vital to being a well-rounded person.

Even though he's still a young person, Londonderry Middle School eighth grader Patrick Hagearty appears to have all of the proverbial bases covered. And that was recently recognized by the New Hampshire Youth Football and Spirit Conference

(NHYFSC).

Hagearty, who played center on offense and nose tackle on defense for the Londonderry Wildcats' eighth grade team this past autumn, was chosen out of more than 4,000 boys and girls to receive the NHYFSC's top academic scholarship on March 22.

The impressive award recognizes Hagearty's outstanding academic achievements at Londonder-

ry Middle School, his community service work through Saint Jude's Church, and his participation in Destination Imagination, in which he and his team - the colorfully-named "Duck Tape Dudes" - have progressed to take part in global competition each of the last three years.

The NHYFSC Academic Achievement Award program began in 2005, and acknowledges the academic success and community involvement of both football and spirit participants.

The NHYFSC's hope is to encourage children to strive to do well in school and participate in their communities while also being an asset to their organization's football or spirit programs.

In order to qualify, participants must have a



Londonderry Middle School student and Londonderry Wildcat Patrick Hagearty was recently awarded the top New Hampshire Youth Football and Spirit Conference scholarship. He appears with Wildcats' president Ryan Ouellette at the awards ceremony.

grade average of 90 or higher and have entered spirit season's school the fifth grade or higher year.

Londonderry Grapplers Excel at Annual Rebels' Tourney

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Neither bright lights nor big crowds of competitors with their cheering supporters kept a bunch of young Londonderry wrestlers from success at the 18th annual Rebel New England Classic in Pinkerton Academy's Hackler Gymnasium in Derry on March 22.

The locals were among nearly 450 wrestlers - spanning kindergarteners through eighth graders - from Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and the Granite State. The assembled grapplers occupied 62 brackets in five divisions.

Among the Londonderry competitors who snared championships in their respective classes were Ben Psaledas and



A number of Londonderry Storm grapplers excelled and had opponents where they wanted them at the Rebels' tournament in Derry. Photo by Chris Paul

Henry Lagasse.

Tristan Clavette of Londonderry strode away from the big annual competition with a silver

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LHS Drama Club's 'Legally Blonde' Opens April 9

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's Drama Club is excited to present its biggest musical production yet, "Legally Blonde."

"There's something for everyone," said Michael DeRosa, a senior playing the part of Emmett Forrest. "There are a lot of different characters and they're all really relatable."

"It's a big, fun show that has a lot of heart," said Marissa MacDonald, a senior playing the role of Paulette Bonafonte.

A humorous Broadway musical, "Legally Blonde"

is based on the 2001 novel by Amanda Brown and subsequent film about a young woman whose life is turned upside-down when her boyfriend dumps her to attend Harvard Law School. Determined to get him back, Elle Woods, played by Londonderry senior Haley Dumaesq, uses her charm to get into Harvard Law; but at school, she struggles with peers, professors and her former boyfriend.

With the help of Paulette and Emmett, Elle realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

It's a feminist story,

according to Aly Aramento, a junior playing the role of Vivienne Kensington.

"There are a lot of really strong female characters," MacDonald agreed.

"All of the characters are really driven and inspire people to follow their dreams. That's a core part of the show," DeRosa said.

In addition to a diverse and entertaining cast of characters, the high school's spring musical boasts a lot of music and an elaborate set.

"I can't wait to see everything come together," Aramento said.

"It's definitely the big-



Haley Dumaesq rehearses her lead role as Elle Woods in Londonderry High School's production of 'Legally Blonde,' the musical with fellow cast mate Jenni Berglund. Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

gest production I've directed," guidance counselor Valerie Nelson said.

McDonald said if you liked the movie, you'll love the show. "The music makes it more fun and easier to watch," she said.

"Legally Blonde" takes the stage at the Derry Opera House on West Broadway in Derry on April 9 and 10 at 7 p.m., and on April 11 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Tickets to the produc-

tion, which are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors, are expected to sell out. To reserve tickets, call Valerie Nelson at 432-6941, ext. 2129.

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Assistant Superintendent Scott Laliberte confirmed there would be no penalty to parents who refuse the testing for their children, and said the schools will make appropriate alternative arrangements during testing time for children who opt out.

"We would like students to be in school, even if they're not taking the test," he said.

Because of the federal No Child Left Behind legislation, the State is mandated to assess all students every year through

a standardized test.

Previously, the District administered the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) test. Now, the state has made the switch to Smarter Balanced.

Legally, Laliberte can't exempt anyone from the test for philosophical reasons.

There are very specific requirements for exemption, such as a crisis, health concern or a death in the family. There's no provision in the law for the State to exempt students from the test, he said.

When parents asked Laliberte for exemptions, he apologized, and informed them he doesn't have the regulatory authority to do that.

"As communicated

through social media, while I can't exempt parents, they do have the right to refuse," he said. "There's no consequence to individual families if they refuse. But there is a consequence for the School District if we refuse - we risk losing federal funds."

It's a challenging position from a legal standpoint, according to Laliberte.

"We're trying to apply with applicable laws, but also be respectful of the wishes of individual parents," he said. "This is very unique, and for us as a School District it's a real challenge. This is a federally mandated test. The State doesn't have a whole lot of latitude, either."

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ALERT Installs Tower for Its Community Radio Station

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ALERT - A Londonderry Emergency Response Team - finished installing an antenna at South Fire Station and is ready to launch its new community radio station.

ALERT spokesman Bill Fortin installed the infrastructure himself in about two days, with the help of other team members.

As director of the low-power station, FM 95.1, Fortin is in the process of developing content to send over the airwaves.

The mission of the new station is to provide the community with positive content that would

inform and unite the residents.

"I want the programming to be responsible," he said. "This is a serious channel with serious endeavors to promote the well-being of people."

Content will range from music, to content shared by Londonderry Cable Access, to school announcements and even readings for the blind of publications like Reader's Digest and National Geographic.

In times of emergency, the station will serve as a platform for ALERT to inform the public of road closures, shelter openings and other important updates and warnings.

Fortin said he would also like to see the station broadcast programs sharing public safety tips, such as how to use a generator safely and other situational safety information.

The new station is expected to reach to the intersection of Routes 111 and 128, as well as parts of Windham.

ALERT raised \$8,000 to pay for the infrastructure needed to establish the station, including a transmitter, antenna, emergency messaging system, cable, computer and software. The group is comprised of volunteers who serve the community by helping with search and

rescue operations, disaster response, emergency shelter operations, education of the public on emergency preparedness and prevention, and traffic control at public events and during emergencies.

Fortin said he is seeking volunteers who are interesting in providing content for the radio station, and local businesses supporting the radio station will be offered the opportunity to share safety tips and other information as part of their public broadcasting.

For more information, contact Bill Fortin by email at rwfortin@comcast.net.



Bill Fortin works to install the antenna for ALERT's new community radio station at South Fire Station.

Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

ALERT Conducts Annual Winter/Spring Line Search Training

ALERT - A Londonderry Emergency Response Team - conducted its annual comprehensive winter/spring line search training on Saturday, March 21, setting up at Orchard Christian Fellowship's lower parking lot off Pillsbury Road.

The Bedford CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) participated as well, bringing five members.

Field instructors were Tim Vrettos for line search, and Ari Larson for land navigation. Training supervisors were Wayne Hall and Rich Semaski.

Training was conducted in the Mack's apple orchard, Adams Pond and

Moose Hill School area of Pillsbury Road. Members were led onto the training course and at intervals, a GPS (Global Positioning System) reading was taken and the team was asked to find their location on a map. The group ended at the Adams Pond trailhead, where the team received instruction and the need for a line search of the trailhead area.

Line search techniques were used to complete a search of the area, and cleared satisfactorily for a "no evidence" finding.

After crossing the road into the Moose Hill School area, the team was instructed to begin another line search. Information came in via radio that the



Members of ALERT and a team from Bedford rest during recent line search training. Courtesy photo

"missing person" was a male, dressed in firefighter turnout gear, and was reported last seen heading toward the Moose Hill

School area. While doing its search, the team located a male subject who appeared to have fallen from a tree stand ladder.

The pretend victim was described as unconscious, with exposed bone, head and leg injuries. The team triaged the alleged victim and used first aid to prepare for extraction, then used Stokes carry techniques to extract the alleged victim to a transport vehicle approximately 500 feet to the parking

area. A debriefing followed. Among the information gleaned in the debriefing, some members noted that due to the snow, their gloves had gotten wet, especially in the finger area. A lesson from this is the importance of having a second set of gloves and socks and a second hat.



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Students Turn Off Their Screens



Matthew Thornton Elementary School capped off its annual Turn Off the Screens Week with a beach party dance and book fair on Thursday night, March 26. Turn Off the Screens Week encourages students and families to step away from screens and find activities that lead to a healthy lifestyle. The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) hosted a Physical Education Night with help from the student Wellness Club, a Story Night, and the March 26 dance.

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New Policy for Around Town: This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group or non-profit is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$30.00/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum; anything over will incur a charge of \$30.00/week for up to another 50 words. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of 3 weeks. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 5 p.m. **Additionally:** We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at www.nutpub.net. Please send items to calendar@nutpub.net.

Toy Swap and Sale

Londonderry Women's Club's 13th annual Toy Swap and Sale takes place from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16, at the Matthew Thornton School gym. It is a consignment sale, with the price set by the owner, who receives two-thirds of the sale price. The Londonderry Women's Club keeps one-third. Proceeds will benefit Moore Mart, which sends supplies to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Registration forms are at Leach Library. Children's items in good condition may be sold, including bassinets, strollers, sporting goods, Halloween costumes, games, books and wooden puzzles. Stuffed animals, cribs, car seats and clothing cannot be accepted.

'Sandwich Generation'

Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, a nonprofit volunteer group providing free in-home and transportation services to the elderly and disabled, hosts a free information session, "Sandwich Generation –

Caught Between a Rock and a Hard Place," on Wednesday, April 15, at 7 p.m. at Birch Heights Holiday Retirement Living, 7 Kendall Pond Road, Derry. Facilitator is Community House Calls. The discussion focuses on dealing with aging parents and young adults. Refreshments will be served and a door prize given. For more information or a copy of materials for those who cannot attend, contact Cindee at 432-0877.

Car Seat Check

The Londonderry Car Safety Program holds car seat check appointments every second Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon and every fourth Tuesday of every month from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 432-1118 for an appointment.

Senior Art

Art classes for April for seniors at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, include the following: Mondays, 12:30 to 2 p.m., ceramics; Thursdays, 10:15

to 11:15 a.m., beaded jewelry; Thursday, April 9, 12:30 to 2 p.m., decorative metal art; Friday, April 10, 12:30 to 2 p.m., wooden craft kit; Friday, April 17, 12:30 to 2 p.m., Earth Day crafts; Friday, April 24, 12:30 to 2 p.m., paint afternoon; Thursday, April 30, 12:30 to 2 p.m., May basket. Pre-registration is required, with payment at sign-up. For details and cost, call 432-8554 and visit: www.londonderrynh.org/Pages/LondonderryNH_Senior/index.

Sunrise Service

First Parish Congregational Church, UCC welcomes the dawn of Easter morning at a Sunrise Service Sunday, April 5, at 6:30 a.m. with worship outdoors at the church, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry. For more information, call 434-0628 or email officemgr@fpc-ucc.org.

Easter Breakfast Buffet

The Best Breakfast crew of First Parish Congregational Church, UCC, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry will serve a from-scratch Easter Breakfast Buffet from 7 to 9 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 5. Cost for the all-you-can-eat meal is \$5. For more information, call 434-0628 or email officemgr@fpc-ucc.org.



Scout Project

Londonderry Cub Scout Pack 605 is collecting clothing, bags and shoes for a fundraiser. The scouts have collected over 200 bags so far. Drop-off boxes are at South School and the Central Fire Station. Drop offs continue until April 17.

Courtesy photo

Easter Sunday Service

A traditional Easter service will be held at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary at First Parish Congregational Church, UCC, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry on Sunday, April 5. For more information, call 434-0628 or email officemgr@fpc-ucc.org.

Garden for Wildlife

On Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m., the Leach Library will host a free program in the lower-level meeting room titled "A Garden for Wildlife: Natural Landscaping for a Better Backyard" with Sigrid Salmela, a trained volunteer from the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's Speaking for Wildlife project. Audience members will learn how to modify a backyard, garden, or landscaped area to help wildlife. Salmela will discuss wildlife and habitats, plant choice, native plants, nest boxes

and feeders, and invasive plants. "Speaking for Wildlife" is a volunteer effort of UNH Cooperative Extension. Light refreshments will be served.

Hats for Veterans

The Londonderry Athletic Leadership Council at Londonderry High School is selling camouflage hats in support of veterans through Operation Hat Trick. Two styles are available this year: 72 adjustable clamp ones such as were sold last year, and 72 flex-fit caps. Prices are \$15 and \$20 respectively. Delivery date is May 1. For questions, email crich@londonderry.org.

Eggstravaganza

An Easter Eggstravaganza will be held Saturday, April 4, at Journey Church, 5 Tinkham Ave., Derry. The event will include an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m., food, games and crafts. The event is free and open to the pub-

lic. For more information, visit www.journeynh.org.

Egg Hunt

The Londonderry High School Class of 2016 hosts an Easter egg hunt and crafts at the LHS gym Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to noon. The egg hunt starts at 11:30 a.m. and will be held outside, rain or shine; bring a basket. Other activities include crafts, and a visit with the Easter bunny for \$3. Admission is free, and donations are welcome. The event is for ages 12 and under. For questions, email: atebbetts@londonderry.org or hlafore@londonderry.org.

Magic Show

Kick off National Library Week with a visit with Ed Popielarczyk on Monday, April 13, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Leach Library. Magic skills and lots of audience participation are planned. Advance registration is

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required and begins at 9 a.m. Monday, April 6. To register, call 432-1127 or come by the Children's Room.

National Library Week Raffle

Starting Monday, April 13 through closing on Saturday, April 18, during National Library Week, for each

children's item checked out from the Leach Library that week, a raffle ticket will be provided for a chance to win a book bag. Stop by the display case in the Children's Room to see the book bag.

National Library Week Craft

Starting Monday, April 13, through closing on Saturday, April 18, during National Library Week,

Leach Library patrons will have a chance to create their own "been caught reading" picture frame. Stop by the Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create a frame at home or at the library.

Great Stone Face Voting

Raffle tickets for books read by students in grades 4 through 6 may be dropped off until closing on Saturday,

April 11, at the Leach Library. After reading the books, youths may vote for the Great Stone Face award beginning Monday, April 13, at 9 a.m. Voting continues through closing on Saturday, April 18. Everyone who votes will receive a bookmark.

Farm Fun

Leach Library presents a children's program about farms on Monday, April 20,

from 4 to 5 p.m. Participants will hear stories of the animals that live on the farm as well as learning about what life on a farm is like. A tour through "Old MacDonald's Farm" is also featured. All participants will receive a red bandana. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Monday, April 13. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Creative Writing

A creative writing workshop hosted by Londonderry resident Jaclyn Blute, for writers of all levels, will meet every other Thursday starting April 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Manchester, across from the Mall of New Hampshire. Each workshop starts with feedback on submitted pieces,

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on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/1544052869198789/.

Lions' Concert

The Londonderry Lions Club Valentine's Day Concert, cancelled because of snow, is rescheduled to Saturday, May 9, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Lions Hall, Mammoth Road. Bobby and the Sharptones will play classic rock and roll from the '50s through '80s. The concert benefits Londonderry High

School scholarships, local sight and hearing, and Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Tickets purchased for the February concert will be accepted. Cost is \$20 per person, \$35 per couple, and includes popcorn, chips, pastries and coffee. Soda and water can be purchased. Alcoholic beverages can be brought. For tickets, call Jerry at 434-5307.

Garden Club

The Derry Garden Club meets at 10 a.m. April 3 at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry, 40 Hampstead Road, Derry for a program titled "Shrub Care and Pruning Advice" with Sarah Benson, manager of Benson's Garden Center in Londonderry. She will present a lecture with slides and handouts on the proper cleaning and maintenance of pruning tools as well as basic cut demonstrations. Lunch will be provided by club members. For more information, visit www.derrygardenclub.org. The Club is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs and the National Garden Clubs.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Tuesday, March 24
7:55 a.m. James Derek Moore, 33, W. Mitchell St., Manchester arrested on warrant for Issuing Bad Checks. Bail set at \$1,000 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of May 19.
10:29 a.m. Dumpster Corral damaged on Nashua Road.
1:25 p.m. Karen Muse, 44, Capitol Hill Drive, Londonderry turned herself in on warrant for Simple Assault. Bail set at \$250 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of May 19.
2:21 p.m. Jacqueline Ann McQuarrie, 48, Stage Coach Circle, Londonderry arrested on warrant for two counts of Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs and two counts of Possession of Drugs (in a motor vehicle). Bail set at

\$10,000 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of May 19.
2:57 p.m. Londonderry Fire responding for reported building fire on Charleston Avenue. **3:06 p.m.** Londonderry Fire command reports cigarette smoke outside building, no fire.
5:15 p.m. Caller reported he interrupted attempted burglary at residence on Auburn Road. Saw male suspect take off in vehicle that may have been a Nissan Altima, champagne in color, that left Auburn Road westbound to Rockingham Road northbound.
Wednesday, March 25
9:20 a.m. Stefanie Theriault, 31, Capitol Hill Drive, Londonderry arrested on warrant for Simple Assault. Bail set at \$750 personal recognizance with Derry Circuit Court date

of May 12.
12:42 p.m. Car carrier license plate missing at S&S Metals, Rockingham Road.
Thursday, March 26
10:13 a.m. Burglary reported on High Range Road.
11:28 a.m. Caller at Whispering Pines Trailer Park office, Conifer Place reports someone living in trailer that was vacant and does not have permission to be there.
4:20 p.m. Bus company employee reported kindergarten bus driver was approached by a parent while dropping off a child at High Range Road and Hickory Hill Drive about a red pickup with male operator who said he was there to pick up a child. The vehicle then took off when the parent pointed it out to the bus driver,

and neither party recognized the truck or operator.

4:59 p.m. New Hampshire State Police off with three-vehicle accident on Interstate 93 near Auto Auction of New England, Inc., Action Boulevard, with subjects who took off on foot.

6:18 p.m. Fight reported at Super Petroleum, Nashua Road.

Friday, March 27

10:18 a.m. Window broken in vehicle on King George Drive.

11:29 a.m. Caller from Trail Haven called in gunshots. Spoke with homeowner, who was target shooting.

Saturday, March 28

2:55 p.m. Caller on South Road reported someone illegally dumped couch on side of South Road between Timber and Gilcreast roads between **2:15 and 2:45 p.m.** Caller plans to remove the couch.

11:17 p.m. Corey Andrew

Dusseault, 21, Notre Dame, Apt. 1, Manchester in custody of Manchester Police and ready to be picked up on two counts of Burglary. He was held on \$500 cash bail with arraignment March 30 at Derry District Court.

Sunday, March 29

12:34 a.m. Employee at Shell Food Mart, Nashua Road reports male wearing brown coat and about 6 feet tall is asking employees and customers for money.

2:33 p.m. Four-wheeler and minibike riding on Reed Street, ongoing problem.

2:47 p.m. Kids on Interstate 93 overpass on Nashua Road on skateboards, throwing things onto the highway below.

10:58 p.m. Mailbox on Shasta Road just hit by someone in small SUV with a baseball bat.

Monday, March 30

1:35 a.m. Traffic stop at Nashua Road and Action Boulevard. Daniel Lauren Marchant, 33, Charleston Avenue, Londonderry arrested for Possessing Loaded Firearm in Vehicle, Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs, Possession of Drugs (in a motor vehicle) and Tail Lights and Reflectors Required. Shayla Lee Savageau, 30, West Broadway, Derry arrested for two counts of Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs. Court and bail information not available.

Around Town

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Women's Club Trivia Night

The Londonderry Women's Club hosts Trivia Night on Wednesday, April 8, at Whippersnapper's Restaurant, 44 Nashua Road. Admission is free; 15 percent of food sales will be donated to the Women's Club. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; the trivia games start at 6:30 p.m. Prizes and raffles are planned. For more information about the club, visit www.facebook.com/groups/londonderrywomensclub or email londonderry-womensclub@hotmail.com.

Free Meals

The Community Meals Network offers the following free meals in Derry. Derry residency is not required. Every weekday, dinner, 4 to 5 p.m., Sonshine Soup Kitchen. April 5, noon, lunch, Seventh Day Adventist Church; April 12, noon, lunch, Seventh Day Adventist Church; April 12, 5 to 6:30 p.m., dinner, Church of the Transfiguration; April 16, 5 to 6:30 p.m., dinner, West Running Brook Middle

School; April 18, 5 to 6:30 p.m. dinner, St. Luke's United Methodist Church; April 19, noon, lunch, Seventh Day Adventist Church; April 19, 5 to 6:30 p.m., dinner, Etz Hayim Synagogue; April 24, 5 to 6:30 p.m., spaghetti supper, First Parish Church; April 26, noon, lunch, Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Free Children's Clothing

St. Gianna's Closet gives out children's clothing of all sizes free to any family in need. Call Liz at 247-8654 to arrange a pick-up time to receive clothing. Donations of gently used children's clothing are accepted. Drop-off locations are St. Mark's Church in Londonderry and St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry during office hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and at 5 Isabella Drive in Londonderry.

Crafters Wanted

Londonderry Senior Citizens, Inc. (LSCI) will hold a Summer Arts and Crafts Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20 at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Space is available to local artisans. Funds raised from the fair will be used to purchase equipment and materials for the

Senior Center. Crafters must provide their own table and chairs. LSCI will have food and drinks available for purchase and will sell raffle tickets for donated items from participating artisans and local businesses. Applications and fees are due by May 1. For more information, call Bonnie Ritvo at 432-8554.

HU Chant

A free Community HU Chant is offered Thursday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. and continuing on the third

Thursday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester. For more information, call 800-713-8944 or visit www.eckankar-nh.org

Eckankar Worship

An Eckankar Worship Service is offered Sunday, April 12, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and continuing the second Sunday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester. For more information, call 800-713-8944 or visit www.eckankar-nh.org.

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The Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Town of Londonderry, NH will meet Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road. Please note: the Board reserves the right to continue presentations, deliberations, and/or discussion to May 7, 2015 if the need arises.

Minutes 7:00 P.M.

Case No. 8/20/2014-2 (Continued) 7:01 P.M.
 Robert Casey requests a Relief of Administrative Decision in accordance with the provisions of RSA 676:5. 26 Pine Street, 3-70, AR-I.

Case No. 3/18/2015-1 (Continued) 7:05 P.M.
 Riverview, LLC requests a variance to allow a structure to encroach into the 50-foot landscape buffer as required by Section 2.4.3.B.2 [Formerly Section 2.4.3.2.2]. 6 Mohawk Drive, 6-38, C-IV**

Case No. 3/18/2015-2 (Continued) 7:05 P.M.
 Riverview, LLC requests a variance to allow parking to encroach into the 50-foot landscape buffer as required by Section 2.4.3.B.2 [Formerly Section 2.4.3.2.2]. 6 Mohawk Drive, 6-38, C-IV**

** (A request to rezone the property from C-IV to C-I has been recommended by Planning Board to the Town Council).

Case No. 4/15/2015-1 7:10 P.M.
 M + M A Smith Properties, LP requests a variance to allow a freestanding sign of 19 feet, 8 inches in height where a maximum height of 10 feet is allowed by Section 3.11.5.C.1 [Formerly Section 3.11.5.3.1]. 31 Nashua Road, 7-73-2, C-I

Case No. 4/15/2015-2 7:15 P.M.
 Alliance Energy Corporation requests a variance to allow a freestanding sign of 20 feet in height where a maximum height of 10 feet is allowed by Section 3.11.5.C.1 [Formerly Section 3.11.5.3.1]. 1 Hampton Drive, 7-73-1, C-II

Case No. 4/15/2015-3 7:20 P.M.
 Bridgwood Holdings, LLC requests a variance to allow the replacement of an existing non-conforming sign located within the required 15-foot setback as restricted by Section 3.11.8.B [Formerly Section 3.11.8.2]. 22 McAllister Drive, 7-126, C-III

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